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Prince George's County Council Establishes Tax Credit for the Installation of Accessibility Enhancements

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The Prince George's County Council, during Council session on June 2nd, approved Council Bill 7-2015, legislation establishing a property tax credit for the installation of accessibility enhancements on an existing primary residence.

Council Bill 7-2015 provides homeowners with a tax credit equal to 50% of eligible costs, or \$2,500 for an eligible accessibility feature installed on an existing principal residence. Any credit exceeding the annual tax liability of the property may be carried over until the next tax year.

Council Member Todd M. Turner (D) - District 4, proposer of CB-7, says the legislation provides a financial incentive for installing features that make a home more accessible for disabled residents and seniors.

"Council Bill 7-2015 will lessen the financial burden for residents who want to make accessibility enhancements to their homes," said Council Member Turner. "It is important for residents to have the option of living in their homes safely and independently, for as long as they desire to do so."

Under the legislation, accessibility features eligible for a tax credit include a no-step front door; installed ramp; 32"-wide interior doorway; 36"-wide exterior doorway; reinforced walls surrounding a toilet, tub or shower; maneuvering space of at least 38"x48" in a bathroom or kitchen; elevator, lift or stair glide unit; accessibility-enhanced bathroom; or alarms, appliances and controls designed to assist an individual with a sensory disability. There is an annual cap on the number of tax credits allowed. The maximum is \$100,000. Forms will be available from the Maryland Department of Assessment and Taxation at www.dat.state.md.us or by

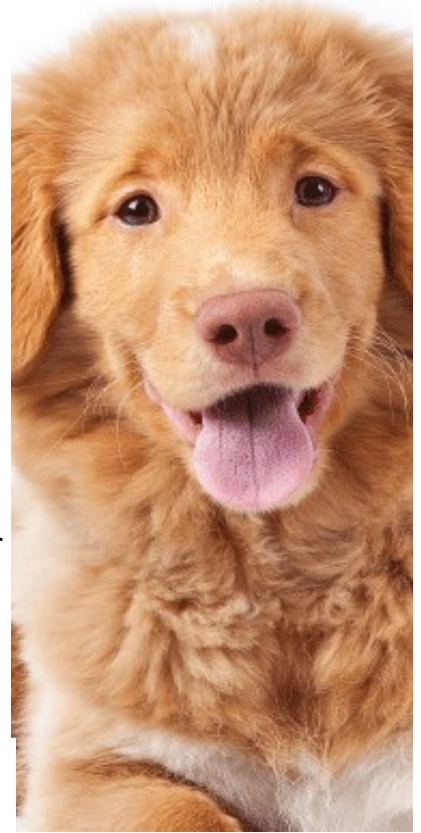


Last Call for Veterinary Assistance Grant Slots

The GAIL Program still has slots available for Greenbelt residents that need assistance paying for veterinary services for their pet. All applicants must live within the City of limits of the Greenbelt and have income within:

Household Size	Gross Maximum	No Asset Test
1	\$37,450.00	
2	\$42,800.00	
3	\$48,150.00	
4	\$53,500.00	

Payments will be made to any participating veterinary provider for up to 2 pets per household. Maximum award per pet \$250. If you would like to apply for the program please contact Christal Batey at 301-345-6660 ext. 2012 for more information. **The deadline to apply is August 1, 2015.**



Free Produce Giveaway for Greenbelt Residents & GAIL Program Participants

Produce distribution for the summer will begin at Green Ridge House -22 Ridge Road, Greenbelt, MD on Thursday, June 25, 2015 at 2:30 pm - 3:30 pm and continue the fourth Thursday of the month through September 2015. Participants, please do not park in the parking lot at Green Ridge House. Volunteers will be available to help load your car. Please bring your rolling carts and sturdy bags.



Free Produce Delivery for Homebound/ Disabled Greenbelt Seniors

The GAIL Program in partnership with Greenbelt Intergenerational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES) will be offering free produce once a month to homebound/disabled seniors 60+ living within the incorporated city limits of Greenbelt. Delivery will take place the fourth Thursday of month—July 23, August 27 and September 24 between 1-3 pm. If you would like to register to receive produce, please call Greenbelt CARES at 301-345-6660 to sign up.



Veterans Services Will Relocate from Greenbelt to Camp Springs, MD

The Veterans Administration outpatient center in Greenbelt will be relocating to Camp Springs outpatient center. VA's newest Community Based Outpatient Clinic (CBOC), located across the street from Joint Base Andrews, offers a variety of health care services including: primary and preventative care, comprehensive women's health care, audiology and mental health services. It is open Monday –Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.



The Southern Prince George's County CBOC is easily accessible from the Capital Beltway, Branch Ave (MD-5) or Suitland Parkway. To call the clinic directly please phone: 301-423-3700. To make an appointment, phone the Patient Service Center, 1-877-DCVAMC1 (1-877-328-2621). Brochures describing services offered at the clinic will be available in the GAIL Program office located in the Greenbelt Municipal Center 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770—2nd floor.

Free Summer Events at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center at the University of Maryland

FREE events at The Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center (through December 2015)
Updated on June 2, 2015. All information is subject to change. Visit
<https://theclarice.umd.edu/seasons/2015-2016> for updated information and to join our
mailing or email list.

UMD SCHOOL OF MUSIC UMD SUMMER CHORUS: VIVALDI'S GLORIA

Cindy Bauchspies, conductor , Allan Laino, conductor

UMD Summer Chorus

SATURDAY, JULY 25, 2015 . 8PM, DEKELBOUM CONCERT HALL

FREE, NO TICKETS REQUIRED

The UMD Summer Chorus is a campus and community chorus available to anyone who wants to sing. This year, Cindy Bauchspies (DMA '15) and Allan Laino (DMA '15) will lead performances of W. A. Mozart's *Vesperae solennes de confessore* and Antonio Vivaldi's *Gloria*.

ARTISTTALK: MANIPULATING DATA FOR PERFORMANCE

A conversation with Huang Yi and KUKA

Presented in partnership with Maryland Robotics Center

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2015 . 5:30PM, KOGOD THEATRE

FREE, NO TICKETS REQUIRED

Seeking to reveal humanity through new concepts and technologies, Huang Yi's pioneering work is steeped in his fascination with the partnership between humans and robots. He creates works as if data was flowing through his limbs and mind, and he is the programmer of the body. While the world looked at robots as tools, Huang Yi looked at himself as a tool for dance. After relentless pursuit of the industrial robot KUKA and countless hours of learning to program it, Huang has embarked on a journey that is a fulfillment of his childhood dream. Join us for a look at Huang's creative process by seeing short segments of his larger choreographed work with KUKA, and offering up your own ideas for how to create art with robots and other non-human machines. Huang will be interviewed by Prof. Satyandra K. Gupta, Director of the Maryland Robotics Center in UMD's Institute for Systems Research.

For more information for on concerts or performances please feel free to contact the box office at 301.405.ARTS (2787).

Time For Your 2015 Benefit Check Up



Developed and maintained by The National Council on Aging (NCOA), BenefitsCheckUp is the nation's most comprehensive internet-based service to screen for benefits programs for seniors with limited income and resources. BenefitsCheckUp includes more than 2,000 public and private benefits programs from all 50 states and the District of Columbia such as: Prescription drugs , Nutrition (including Supplemental Nutrition Assistance (SNAP)/Food Stamps), Energy assistance, Financial, Legal, Health care, Social Security, Housing, In-home services, Tax relief, Transportation, Educational assistance, Employment and Volunteer services. If you would like to complete a benefits checkup from the privacy of your home you can find the screening at-

www.benefitscheckup.org. Please note the screening does not require any personal information such as name, social security number or your phone number. For more information or to schedule a Benefits Check Up please call Cindy Linkew at 301-345-6660 ext. 2029

Caregiver Support Group Meeting Schedule

A monthly support meeting is held for people whose responsibilities include the care of frail and at risk adults. The group meets the second Wednesday of (almost) every month. It brings an opportunity for support and information from 6:15 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. at the Greenbelt Community Center –15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

Upcoming Meeting Dates: Wednesday July 8, 2015, August there is no meeting, and Wednesday, September 9, 2015.

The leaders are Helen Barnes, R.N. ,CCM, BA, MS and Tom Patota, LCSW-C, MSW. Assistance is provided by intern, Cindy Lynkew, of the Master of Social Work Program of the University of New England. Attendees can share and benefit from the insights and experiences, stress-reduction ideas of each other and the geriatric professionals. There is no cost to attend these meetings. Caregivers may be concerned with the health problems of spouses, parents, other family members, or other loved ones. Many of the support group participants have loved ones diagnosed with any of the neurological disorders also known as dementia (Alzheimer's and other types) and other sensory and moderate to severe health problems. For more information please call Tom Patota 301 345-6660.

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